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A report into secret US flights for terror suspects is expected to conclude that 14 European countries colluded with the CIA. The document will be presented to the Council of Europe by Swiss MP **Dick Marty** after a seven-month inquiry. An advance copy seen by the BBC says there is also evidence to support suspicions that secret CIA camps are or were located in Poland and Romania. The two countries have strongly denied the allegation in the past.

The BBC's Tim Franks in Paris - where the report will be issued on Wednesday - says the charges are potentially explosive but the difficulty remains in securing the proof. The report is quoted as saying: *"It is now clear - although we are still far from having established the truth - that authorities in several European countries actively participated with the CIA in these unlawful activities."* According to the advance copy, countries such as Spain, Turkey, Britain, Germany and Cyprus provided "staging posts" for rendition operations. The most serious charges are reportedly leveled at Poland and Romania, where Mr Marty says there is enough evidence to support suspicions that CIA secret prisons were established. (BBC, 6/7)

European governments colluded with US on rendition: reports

LONDON - European governments collaborated with the United States in the "extraordinary rendition" of security suspects while two secret prisons were or are located in eastern Europe, British media said. The BBC made the claims late Tuesday while The Guardian carried a similar report in its Wednesday edition. Both said they had seen an advanced copy of Swiss lawmaker **Dick Marty**'s report into the matter for the Council of Europe.

The report, due out later Wednesday, is said to implicate 14 European governments in the practice, which involves the transfer of security suspects to a third country for questioning. According to the news reports, Marty is said to have concluded that the "spider's web" of US rendition flights that have criss-crossed Europe is based on an "utterly alien" legal approach that breaches human rights law. He is said to reserve his main condemnation for the United States for attempting to "develop new legal concepts" when "neither conventional judicial instruments nor those established under the framework of the laws of war could effectively counter the new forms of international terrorism".

But far from being carried out without the knowledge of European governments, it was done with "the intentional or grossly negligent collusion of the European partners", according to extracts in The Guardian. The newspaper also quoted Marty as saying: *"Whilst hard evidence, at least according to the strict meaning of the word, is still not forthcoming, a number of coherent and converging elements indicate that secret detention centres have indeed existed and unlawful inter-state transfers have taken place in Europe."* (AFP, 6/7)

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